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COME RIDE WITH US

Director



As I write this article, two of our members are recovering from an incident on the return from the Reagan Library Overnight Ride. Ken C is at home with a fractured ankle and Bill B is in the hospital in Thousand Oaks recovering from a broken arm and surgery. The good news is that Bill is doing well and should be transported to a local hospital soon. I know our Biggs HOG Family will be there to welcome him home and help him continue on his road to recovery.

Now, I don't want this article to be a heavy one, but I have had time to reflect on the incident, how those involved responded, and how we acted as a Chapter.

That morning was a beautiful, clear day and we had just completed the first leg from our hotel to Mulholland Harley-Davidson. I was Leading, Ken C was Mid-Pack, and Dave H was Sweep. Leaving the dealership, we proceeded on Mulholland Hwy towards Malibu for lunch. About halfway, we reached a road closure, had to stop, and, unfortunately, that is when the incident happened. One rider was too close to another, and a rear end collision occurred.

Without hesitation, the Chapter kicked into our training from Accident Scene Management. One member called 911; two directed traffic on each end; some attended to the downed bikers. Others got umbrellas out of their bikes to provide shade for the injured, so they didn't have sun in their eyes. Trash bags came out to get personal belongings out of tour packs and saddlebags prior to the bikes being towed. An incident report form was brought out to take notes while it was fresh in our minds and photos were taken. The CHP, Sheriff, and Fire Department thanked us for helping rather than getting in the way.

Cathy K and Kathie C followed the ambulance to the hospital, stayed with the involved parties as they were treated, and brought Ken C home so he could rest in his own bed. Cathy K has also spent many days since visiting Bill B in the hospital while he is recovering and waiting to be transferred closer to home.

This was the last thing I ever wanted to experience as Director of the Chapter, but as I told Marlin, it is a risk we all assume in this hobby we love. And the reality is, this could have played out on any day of the week, or on a local Chapter ride. There is a reason in the Safety Brief that we say "We Practice Formation Riding" because it is always something we must work on. As with any group ride and/or incident, our Road Guards will review the most recent incident, focusing on what went well, along with suggestions for continued improvement of our safe riding practices.

I am so proud of how our Chapter members performed both on site and after the incident. But I am also good with not having to experience anything like this again.



I love you all ... be safe.



Gene P "Tiki"

BIGGS HOG 2023 HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION HALL POST 149
230 EAST PARK AVE
ESCONDIDO, CA 92025

MEMBERS: \$35
NON-MEMBERS: \$50

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DINNER – MUSIC – PRIZES



Purchase your Holiday Party tickets at the November 10 Chapter Meeting. **Deadline: Friday, November 24, 2023**
Questions? See Kathie C, Holiday Committee Chair, at the November 10 Chapter Meeting.

Ride to China Fun October 15, 2023



Ride to Two Brothers From Italy September 24, 2023



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NOV. 11

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SATURDAY NOV. 11

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LEAD RIDE VULCANIZED TIRE REQUIRED

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When these systems were first introduced into motorcycles, a skilled rider with years of emergency braking experience would be able to outperform the ABS. It was looked upon as a crutch for poor braking practices. But as the systems have been improved over the last decade they have become so accurate that most motorcycle riders would benefit greatly from them. For motorcyclists, the technology can be of benefit, because it prevents the sliding and fishtailing that can cause the rider to lose control and "lay the bike down." Though riders can learn to handle these challenges, the adrenaline surge of an impending crash can make those lessons hard to apply. Riders may also purposely avoid braking hard and wind up not being able to avoid a collision because they're afraid of skidding out.



Harley-Davidson offers ABS as standard equipment on a majority of their bikes and trikes, and as a factory option on the rest of the lineup. According to a 2021 study from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), examining fatal crash rates for 65 motorcycle models offering ABS as an option over 2013-19, the researchers found that bikes equipped with the feature were involved in 22 percent fewer fatal crashes per 10,000 registered vehicle years. Because the study was limited to motorcycles on which ABS was available as an option, the results might also have been skewed by the exclusion of the growing number of models on which the feature is already standard. The bottom line is that 22 percent is a very big effect. When it comes to decisions riders can make to protect themselves, choosing ABS is right up there with wearing a helmet.

Safety Is No Accident!

Dave H

Ride to Police Motorcycle Competition September 30, 2023



Road Captain

100 Ride Pin

Congratulations to Mark M on his 400th ride with the Chapter last month!



WANTED

Road Guards In Training

Looking for those of you who are interested in serving the Chapter as a Road Guard.

Should you decide your answer is yes, a few things you should be aware of:

- ♦ We are starting in December with Introduction and Power Points on Lead, Mid-Pack and Sweep.
- ♦ You need to be a member of Biggs HOG and National HOG.
- ♦ The 12 month as a Chapter member requirement has been waived.
- ♦ You do need to have attended Formation 101 at least once this year.
- ♦ The number of Biggs HOG rides has been reduced. It's not 24 as in the past.

Road Guard Application:

- Download the application from the website: bit.ly/BiggsHOGRoadGuard.
- Print the application on page 7.
- Get one from me. I'll have some with me on our rides.

Any questions, concerns, just ask me; I'm not shy!

Terry W "U-Turn"



ROAD GUARD APPLICATION

Your Info: _____ / US _____

First Name

Last Name

National H.O.G. #

Cell Phone #

Email Address

Years with
Biggs H.O.G.

Years riding
motorcycles

Years riding
in groups

Previous Biggs H.O.G. officer or
volunteer experience

Initial each qualification as appropriate.

YES

NO

☐☐

I am a member in good standing of both Biggs H.O.G. and National H.O.G.

☐☐

I have ridden with the Biggs H.O.G. for a minimum of at least the previous 12 months by the start of the first RGIT class. The first RGIT class typically starts each February.

☐☐

I have attended at least one Formation 101 within the previous 12 months.

☐☐

I have participated in a minimum of 24 Biggs H.O.G. chapter rides, including a minimum of 4 Get Acquainted Rides to ensure a good mix of chapter riding experience.

Becoming a Biggs H.O.G. Chapter Road Guard requires first and foremost a sincere commitment to serving the chapter. At the same time, all road guards are expected to strive to improve the skills of themselves and their fellow road guards. Together, these two goals will require patience, tact, diplomacy, and humility.

Please tell us why you would like to become a Biggs H.O.G. Chapter Road Guard:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Membership

2024 Membership Renewals



Hello fellow Biggs HOG family members. So this is November's newsletter and that means it is time to turn back the clocks and that is depressing to me. But we have the ultimate anti-depressant medicine anyone in the world could ask for; we have our Harleys, HOG family, and Chapter events to get us through it all. Speaking of Chapter events, Saturday, December 9th, we have the Chapter Holiday Party at the Escondido American Legion Post 149. Don't forget to reserve your seat with Kathie and Ken C by November 24.

We began accepting 2024 Biggs HOG Chapter membership renewals on October 1, 2023. So far, there has been a good response to early renewals which are still just \$25 per application. One key thing to know is that you must wet-sign the Membership Enrollment Form and Release (Waiver) you turn in *with a date no earlier than 1/1/24*. National HOG will not accept copies, emails, facsimile transmissions of this document. Please fill out the document legibly so we can read your information to transfer it into the Chapter management software. See Taz or me for more information or assistance if you are having trouble with renewal.

Our target is to have all members complete their renewals by January 31, 2024. Those who miss this deadline will lose access to the Biggs HOG Private Facebook page and the Chapter e-blasts. They will also need to sign waivers for each ride until they renew.

Additionally, we are also seeking dedicated Chapter members to become ambassadors, helping with new member orientations and introductions during Chapter meetings. This initiative reflects our commitment at Biggs HOG to create a welcoming environment for new members. If you're interested, please drop by the membership table at the next Chapter Meeting or send me an email.

National HOG is no longer offering a "Lifetime Membership" option. Matter of fact, they have revamped their membership altogether. You now have 3 options. Please visit the link listed below to learn more about the new options and their respective benefits. NOTE: You must be a member of National HOG to join the Biggs HOG Chapter. If you are not a member of Biggs HOG and you want to bring a guest or ride with the group, you will need to sign the appropriate waiver(s) each time you do so. You must be at least 18-yrs-old to join National HOG and Biggs HOG. www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/membership.html

As we near the end of the calendar year, don't forget to stop by the Biggs Service Department and have your mileage recorded so you can earn those Harley gift cards and your National HOG mileage milestone patches. I spoke with a National HOG customer service member and they recommended that you record your mileage at least twice per calendar year. They recommend recording your mileage on the first day possible in the new year and, minimally, having it recorded again as close to the last day of the year as possible. This will prevent you from losing any miles earned for that calendar year. Only the Biggs Service Department is authorized to record your mileage for submission to National HOG. Again, see Taz or me for more information if you need it.

Additionally, non-member guests are always welcome to join us on our Chapter rides. All they need to do is sign the appropriate waiver paperwork at the Ride Brief.

LET'S RIDE!!!

Shawn E



David L "Taz"

Ride to the All Chapters Picnic October 14, 2023



Ride to Eureka! October 1, 2023



Twist & Shout RAR Sept 23, 2023



Ride to Village Kitchen & Pie Shoppe October 8, 2023



Ride to Chicken Lisa's October 7, 2023



Ronald Reagan Library & Museum Overnight Trip October 21-22, 2023

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Long Distance

Overnight & Long Distance Trips



**Yuma Overnight Trip
March 2023**



**California Coastal
Long Distance Trip August 2023**



**5 Lakes / Big Bear Overnight Trip
April 2023**



**Grand Canyon / Williams, AZ
Long Distance Trip September 2023**



**"North Meets South" Rally Reno
Long Distance Trip June 2023**



**Ronald Reagan Library
Overnight Trip October 2023**

COME RIDE WITH US

Overnight Trips

100 - 200 Miles
2 Days & 1 Night
Sat - Sun, 1 Hotel

Long Distance Trips

300 - 500 Miles
Typically 4 Days & 3 Nights
Typically Fri - Mon, 1 Hotel

Progressive Trips

500 - 800 Miles
Typically 6 Days & 5 Nights
1-2 Nights at Each Hotel

Do You Have Suggestions for 2024 Overnight, Long Distance, and Progressive Trips?

Write them on the **Suggestions Sheet** at the **November 10 Chapter Meeting**,

Complete the **Input Survey** coming in **Mid November**, or email them to longdistance@biggshog.com.

Chapter Meeting October 13, 2023



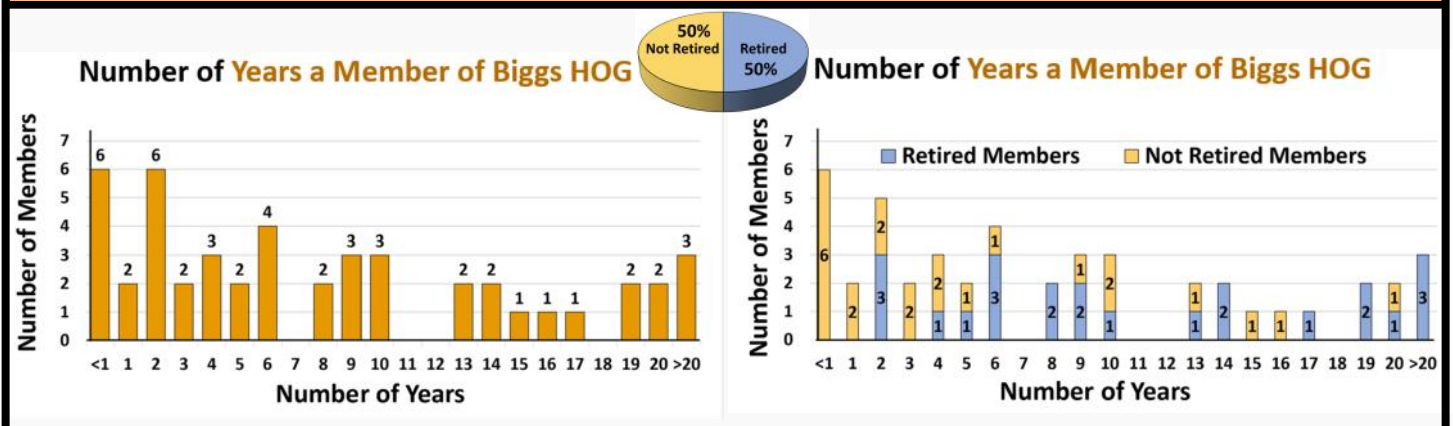
Getting to Know Our Biggs HOG Family



47 members completed the September 2023 Survey
 Congratulations to Bob C who won the gift card drawing.
 A new survey opens on the 15th of each month throughout 2023.



Number of Years a Member of Biggs HOG & Not Retired/Retired



Volunteers



Come by the Volunteer Table at the Chapter Meeting and sign up. We have several opportunities to help. You can sign up to help Set Up and Take Down at the Chapter Meetings each month.

Remaining opportunities to help for 2023:

- ☐ Need Help with the Holiday Party:
 - Planning, Setup, Teardown
See Kathie C to sign up to help.
- ☐ Chapter Meeting: November 10th

Remember, this is our Chapter and when we all work together it will grow and thrive.



Volunteers@BiggsHOG.com

Victor M

2023 PRIMARY OFFICERS

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HOGTIVITIES



November 2023



= Feather Pin Ride

WED 1 -- Officers Meeting

6:45 PM Rancho Grande El Toro
5:45 PM meal; meeting starts at 6:45 PM
825 Williamston St, Vista, CA 92804

SAT 4 -- Ride to Smokin J's BBQ

10:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Medium distance on Back Roads to Smokin J's BBQ
14035 Midland Rd, Poway, CA 92064

SUN 5 -- Ride to Fratello's Idyllwild

9:00 AM STARBUCKS
Medium distance on Back Roads to Fratello's
54295 Ridgeview Dr, Idyllwild, CA 92549

FRI 10 -- Chapter Meeting

7:00 PM BIGGS H-D
Arrive early at 6 PM to socialize, sign up to volunteer.
Everyone is welcome.

SAT 11 -- Formation 101

8:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Come learn how we ride as a group. If you haven't
been in a while, come refresh your knowledge. Coffee
and doughnuts. Members receive a Rider Pin.

SAT 11 -- Get Acquainted Ride (GAR)

10:15 AM BIGGS H-D
After Formation 101, put your knowledge to work
during our most popular ride and then eat lunch with
your HOG Family. Destination: Someplace to eat!

SUN 12 -- Ride to March Field Air Museum

9:30 AM STARBUCKS
Medium distance on Back Roads to March Field Air
Museum, 22550 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA 92518

SAT 18 -- Ride to Orange Empire Railway Museum

10:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Medium distance on Back Roads to
Orange Empire Railway Museum
2201 S A St, Perris, CA 92570

SUN 19 -- Toys for Tots - El Patron H-D

7:30 AM STARBUCKS
Short distance on Freeway to El Patron H-D
621 El Cajon Blvd, El Cajon, CA 92020

FRI 24 -- Ride to Richard Walker's Pancake House

9:00 AM STARBUCKS
Short Distance on Back Roads to
Richard Walker's Pancake House
2656 Gateway Rd, Carlsbad, CA 92009

SAT 25 -- A Lazy H Kind of Ride

9:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Medium distance on Back Roads to Lazy H Ranch
16787 Highway 76, Pauma Valley, CA 92061

SUN 26 -- 15th Annual Mt. Soledad Memorial Ride

11:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Short distance on Back Roads to Mt. Soledad
6905 La Jolla Scenic Dr S, La Jolla, CA 92037

TUES 28 -- Activities Meeting - Everyone is welcome.

6:45 PM Coyote Cafe
6 PM meal, 6:45 PM Meeting at Coyote Café
1450 North Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92083

THURS 30 -- Road Guard Meeting

This is invite only.



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Biggs HOG Chapter 2023 Rides Recap

January 1 - October 30

Type of Ride	Number	Total Days	Total Miles	Ave Miles Per Day
Local Feather Pin Rides	78	78	4,210	54
Overnight Trip Rides	3	6	1,157	193
Long Distance Rides	3	13	3,685	283
2023 Total (Jan-Oct)	84	97	9,052	93

Local Feather Pin Rides mileage is "one way" from starting point to destination.

Miles not included in totals:

- * 9 Local Feather Pin Ride Rain Outs
- * 4 Canceled Rides
- * 1 RGIT Eval Ride
- * Optional RARs (Ride After Ride)

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